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*Levy of centage charges on cast-iron pipes.*

*254 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: With reference to the answer given to my question No. 1834 of 23rd March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question why centage charges should be levied on cast-iron pipes?

A.—The matter is still under the consideration of Government.

*Research work as to preventive measures against mosquitoes.*

*255 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any research was made at the King Institute, Guindy, with a view to ascertain whether there are plants that can be planted as a preventive measure against mosquitoes; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to make such research?

A.—(a) No.

(b) An experiment with the plantation of luguminous plants such as scented clover as a preventive for malaria is being tried in the Gudem Agency.

## Registration

*Promotions and appointments in the Registration department.*

*256 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to give a statement of (1) promotions made from clerks in the Registration department as Sub-Registrars, (2) direct appointments of Sub-Registrars, and (3) promotion into District Registrars made by the Inspector-General of Registration stating their caste or community since he took charge of office up to date?

A.—A statement is appended.[a] The appointment of District Registrars is made by the Government and not by the Inspector-General of Registration.

*Officers condemned and promoted by the Inspector-General of Registration.*

*257 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government will place on the Council table a list of officers who were condemned by the late Inspector-General of Registration and were promoted temporarily and permanently by the present Inspector-General of Registration?

A.—No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"In answer to this question the Government say 'No'. May I know why?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The interests of efficient service require that the papers connected with this question should be kept confidential."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"I should like to know whether there were not complaints against this officer when he was in the Corporation as Revenue Officer."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question does not arise."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 579 infra.